GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION OF GOLD CONTENTS IN SHIELDS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have proposed to reduce the gold content of awards presented by the International Film Festival Committee like Swarna Kamal;

(b) if so, whether such a move will dilute the sanctity of such awards and lower the dignity of both the Government and the recipient; and

(c) if so, the estimated saving from reducing the gold contents in awards medals and shields and extent to which this is going to relieve pressure on the budgetory deficit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) : A suggestion has been made to give a trophy and to increase the cash awards instead of using Gold/Silver for the National Film Awards and the Awards for the Competitive Section of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). However, no decision regarding this change has been taken so far.